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SUBJECT: 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC - ITEM 12, WESTERN DRAFT  
ON REGIONAL FOLLOW-UP TO RESTRUCTURING GAINS CONSENSUS  
SUPPORT

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1. ON AUGUST 2, ECOSOC FIRST(ECONOMIC) COMMITTEE  
ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS EC-9 DRAFT RESOLUTION (E/1978/C.1/  
L.24/REV.1) ENTITLED "REGIONAL COOPERATION AND  
DEVELOPMENT", WHICH SETS MODERATE GUIDELINES FOR  
DECENTRALIZATION AND REGIONAL FOLLOW-UP TO THE  
RESTRUCTURING RECOMMENDATIONS, REMAINS  
ESSENTIALLY ONE FIRST CIRCULATED BY EC (REFTEL), WITH  
MINOR AMENDMENTS TO GAIN SUPPORT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES  
FROM ALL REGIONS. IN ADDITION TO US, THE FOLLOWING  
NATIONS JOINED IN CO-SPONSORSHIP: GREECE, MALTA, MEXICO,  
NEW ZEALAND, NIGERIA, PHILIPPINES, SUDAN, AND YUGOSLAVIA.

2. FOLLOWING ADOPTION, INDIAN DEL STATED FOR RECORD  
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ITS RESERVATIONS REGARDING PREAMBULAR PARA 4  
AND OPERATIVE PARA 2 THROUGH 4. ACCORDING TO INDIANS,  
PREAMBULAR PARA 4'S REFERENCE TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONS  
"PARTICULARLY ADVANTAGEOUS POSITION TO PROMOTE SUB-  
REGIONAL, REGIONAL, AND INTERREGIONAL COOPERATION"  
APPLIED ONLY TO UN ACTIVITIES. ALSO, IN REFERENCE  
TO OPERATIVE PARAS 2-4, REGIONAL COMMISSIONS INTENSIFIED

COOPERATION SHOULD BE CHANNELED THROUGH HEADQUARTERS.

3. THE ADOPTED TEXT OF RESOLUTION E/1978/C.1/L.24/REV.1  
FOLLOWS:

"THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 3201 (S-VI)  
AND 3202 (S-VI) OF 1 MAY 1974 CONTAINING THE DECLARATION  
AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW  
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, AND 3281 (XXIX) OF 12  
DECEMBER 1974 CONTAINING THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS  
AND DUTIES OF STATES, AS WELL AS 3362 (S-VII) OF 16  
SEPTEMBER 1975 ON DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC  
CO-OPERATION AND 2626 (XXV) OF 24 OCTOBER 1970 ON THE  
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND UNITED  
NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 2043 (LXI) ON THE STRENGTHEN-  
ING OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS FOR REGIONAL AND INTER-  
REGIONAL CO-OPERATION,

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32/197 OF 20  
DECEMBER 1977 ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND  
SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM,

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CONVINCED THAT THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS ARE IN A  
PARTICULARLY ADVANTAGEOUS POSITION TO PROMOTE SUB-  
REGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL CO-OPERATION IN  
THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS,

CONSIDERING THE NEED TO ACHIEVE, IN THE ECONOMIC  
AND SOCIAL PROGRAMMES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, COMPLEMENT-  
ARITY AND BETTER CO-ORDINATION OF TASKS PERFORMED AT  
HEADQUARTERS AND THOSE PERFORMED BY THE SECRETARIATS  
OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, AS OUTLINED IN GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32/197,

NOTING FURTHER THAT PARAGRAPH 23 OF THE ANNEX TO  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32/197 STATES THAT, WITHOUT  
PREJUDICE TO THE SPECIAL NEEDS AND CONDITIONS OF EACH  
REGION AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PLANS AND PRIORITIES  
OF THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL SHOULD TAKE MEASURES  
TO ENABLE THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO FUNCTION EXPEDI-  
TIOSLY AS EXECUTING AGENCIES FOR INTERSECTORAL, SUB-  
REGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL PROJECTS AND,  
IN AREAS WHICH DO NOT FALL WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE

SECTORAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER UNITED NATIONS BODIES, FOR OTHER SUBREGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL PROJECTS,

RECALLING PARAGRAPH 26 OF THE ANNEX TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32/197 WHICH STATES THAT, IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS EFFECTIVELY TO DISCHARGE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES, THE NECESSARY AUTHORITY SHOULD BE DELEGATED TO THEM AND ADEQUATE BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL PROVISION SHOULD BE MADE,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS ORGANIZED CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE REPRESENTATIVES

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OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED AT HEADQUARTERS, AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, TO MAKE PRACTICAL AND CONCRETE ARRANGEMENTS SUCH AS THOSE RELATING TO THE ROLE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AS EXECUTING AGENCIES FOR PROJECTS,

WELCOMING IN PARTICULAR THE ARRANGEMENT FOR 1 JANUARY 1979 TO BE THE TARGET DATE FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE DECENTRALIZATION TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONS OF THE EXECUTION OF THE FIRST SET OF APPROPRIATE SUBREGIONAL AND REGIONAL PROJECTS PRESENTLY BEING CARRIED OUT BY UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS, (E/1978/89 AND E/1978/118),

RECALLING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE FOR

PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION,

1. REAFFIRMS THAT THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS SHOULD BE FURTHER ENABLED TO EXERCISE, IN CONSULTATION WITH GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED, THE FUNCTIONS OF EXECUTING AGENCIES OF THE UNDP IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 2688 (XXV), 3505 (XXX) AND 32/197, AND COUNCIL RESOLU-  
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TIONS 1896 (LVII) AND 1952 (LIX), WHILE SEEKING TO IMPROVE THEIR PERFORMANCE IN EXERCISING THESE FUNCTIONS;

2. REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES TO SUBMIT, WHERE NECESSARY, AND AT THE REQUEST OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED, TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMISSIONS AT THEIR FORTHCOMING SESSIONS PLANS FOR AN INTENSIFIED PROGRAMME FOR THE PROMOTION OF SUBREGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTER-REGIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR MANDATES, AND TO PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THOSE ACTIVITIES WHICH THE GOVERNMENTS HAVE DESIGNATED AS PRIORITY AREAS;

3. INVITES THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO INTENSIFY CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER REGIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL BODIES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS;

4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO INTENSIFY CONSULTATIONS, AS APPROPRIATE, IN ORDER TO MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING COMPLEMENTARITY AND BETTER CO-ORDINATION OF TASKS PERFORMED AT HEADQUARTERS AND THOSE PERFORMED BY THE SECRETARIATS OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ANNEX TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32/197;

5. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO MAKE SUCH ARRANGEMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO ENABLE THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO PROMOTE MORE EFFECTIVE CO-OPERATION AT THE SUB-REGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL LEVELS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPHS 24 AND 25 OF THE ANNEX TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32/197;

6. REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES TO ASK THEIR  
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RESPECTIVE COMMISSIONS TO CONSIDER FURTHER THE REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN THE ANNEX TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLU-

TION 32/197, WITH A VIEW TO RATIONALIZING THE STRUCTURE  
OF THEIR COMMISSIONS, INCLUDING THE STREAMLINING OF THEIR  
SUBSIDIARY MACHINERY;

7. FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SUBMIT,  
THROUGH THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION,  
TO THE COUNCIL AT ITS SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1979, A  
REPORT ON THE PROGRESS MADE IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROVI-  
SIONS OF THE ABOVE PARAGRAPHS."

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